



Second grade spelling words: the year at a glance

How to use: Monday pretest · 10 minutes a day · Friday test + 2 new words · tick the week when every list word is right

 **says**  = learn this part by heart. Everything else in the word is spelled by sound.

☐ Week 1	review: short vowels, blends, digraphs plant, grass	☐ Week 19	change y to i cried, dried
☐ Week 2	review: magic e, endings, tch, -le phone, slice	☐ Week 20	review (weeks 16-19) chopped, skipping
☐ Week 3	review: bossy r start, sharp	☐ Week 21	ar and or at the end doctor, tractor
☐ Week 4	review: vowel teams, plus ey, oe, ue, ui donkey, turkey	☐ Week 22	air, are, ear chair, hair
☐ Week 5	au, aw, augh draw, straw	☐ Week 23	ear as in near ear, near
☐ Week 6	ea as in bread bread, head	☐ Week 24	eigh, ei, ea, aigh eight, eighty
☐ Week 7	kn, wr, mb knee, knock	☐ Week 25	ew, ue, ou few, new
☐ Week 8	review (weeks 5-7), plus oi, oy, ou, ow point, enjoy	☐ Week 26	ough bought, brought
☐ Week 9	-s and -es glasses, buses	☐ Week 27	soft c and g city, fence
☐ Week 10	-er and -est taller, smaller	☐ Week 28	ch, gn, gh, silent t chef, ache
☐ Week 11	-ly quickly, softly	☐ Week 29	review (weeks 21-28) fairy, upstairs
☐ Week 12	-ful and -less thankful, playful	☐ Week 30	-tion, -sion, -ture action, station
☐ Week 13	un- unbuckle, unzip	☐ Week 31	-er, -or, -ist farmer, painter
☐ Week 14	re-, pre-, dis- refill, retell	☐ Week 32	-ish and -y selfish, foolish
☐ Week 15	review (weeks 9-14) bushes, slowest	☐ Week 33	-ness and -ment sadness, kindness
☐ Week 16	double before -ed and -ing stopped, grabbed	☐ Week 34	-able and -ible breakable, drinkable
☐ Week 17	double before -er and -est bigger, biggest	☐ Week 35	uni-, bi-, tri- unicorn, uniform
☐ Week 18	drop the e making, hiding	☐ Week 36	year-end review unbreakable, carefully

Shaded rows are review weeks: new words, old patterns. Pages 2 to 4 have the full card for every week; page 5 is the test sheet.



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Weeks 1-12

Heart = learn that part by heart · [Brackets] = say it with the word · Look-up week = learn which spelling each word uses

Week 1 review: short vowels, blends, digraphs

plant	grass
smell	check
crash	branch
strong	shrimp

TRICKY: says other

Say it, write it: He says the other branch is strong.

Friday new words: stamp, crunch

Week 2 review: magic e, endings, tch, -le

phone	slice
stage	sunshine
switch	told
silly	pickle

TRICKY: done move

done and move look like magic e words, but the e does not make the o say its name: the o and the e are both tricky.

Say it, write it: Move the pickle so I can slice it.

Friday new words: drive, wiggle

Week 3 review: bossy r

start	sharp
sport	third
burn	sister
worm	work

TRICKY: warm learn

work is not tricky any more: after w, or says /er/ (worm). In warm, ar says /or/.

Say it, write it: My sister and I learn a new sport.

Friday new words: north, word

Week 4 review: vowel teams, plus ey, oe, ue, ui

donkey	turkey
toe [your big toe]	glue
fruit	juice
dream	brain

TRICKY: door floor

ey ends a longer word (donkey), oe and ue end a word (toe, glue), ui sits inside (fruit). Other spellings make these sounds too: learn which.

Say it, write it: The donkey left fruit on the floor by the door.

Friday new words (look-up week): hockey, true

Week 5 au, aw, augh

draw	straw
crawl	yawn
hawk	sauce
launch	caught

TRICKY: because laugh

aw can go anywhere and is the spelling at the end (draw, straw); au never ends a word (sauce, launch); augh is the rare one (caught).

Say it, write it: We laugh because my cat can crawl in the straw.

Friday new words: paw, claw

Week 6 ea as in bread

bread [a slice of bread]	head
ready	heavy
feather	weather [rain or sun]
sweater	breath

TRICKY: wash heart

ea says /e/ in a few words (head); ea saying /ee/ (eat, clean) is more common. After w, a says /o/ (wash, want); still tricky on our lists.

Say it, write it: The bread is ready, so wash your hands.

Friday new words (look-up week): thread, health

Week 7 kn, wr, mb

knee	knock
knife	write [write a note]
wrong	wrist
lamb	thumb
crumb	

TRICKY: answer

kn and wr start a word, mb ends it. write and know are not tricky any more.

Say it, write it: Write your answer, then knock on the door.

Friday new words (look-up week): knit, wreck

Week 8 review (weeks 5-7), plus oi, oy, ou, ow

point	enjoy
mouth	proud
flower [a red flower]	dawn
wrote	instead

TRICKY: hour [one hour] because

ou inside a word (mouth); ow at the end or before n, l or er (flower, down); oi inside (point), oy at the end (enjoy).

Say it, write it: We will enjoy the flower show in an hour.

Friday new words: boil, south

Week 9 -s and -es

glasses	buses
kisses	peaches
inches	brushes
keys	snacks

TRICKY: these those

Add -es after s, x, z, ch or sh: you hear an extra beat (glass-es). Most other words just take -s (keys); y after a consonant waits for week 19.

Say it, write it: These peaches are sweet, but those are not.

Friday new words: classes, couches

Week 10 -er and -est

taller	smaller
faster	longest
coldest	softest
loudest	deepest

TRICKY: always almost

-er compares two, -est three or more. No change to the word this week (big and hot wait for week 17).

Say it, write it: My brother is always taller than me.

Friday new words: brighter, sweetest

Week 11 -ly

quickly	softly
slowly	sadly
gladly	neatly
nicely	bravely
kindly	

TRICKY: early

-ly goes on the whole word: nice + ly = nicely (the e stays).

Say it, write it: We got up early and spoke softly.

Friday new words: brightly, deeply

Week 12 -ful and -less

thankful	playful
joyful	hopeful
helpful	endless
spotless	harmless
toothless	

TRICKY: nothing

-ful has one l (thankful). -less means without (toothless).

Say it, write it: The playful puppy had nothing to chew.

Friday new words: painless, graceful



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Weeks 13-24

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Week 13 un-

unbuckle unzip
unfold unhappy
untie unwell
unwrap unplug
unkind

TRICKY: don't

un- means not, or undo. The word after it does not change (un + happy).

Say it, write it: Don't unzip the tent in the rain.

Friday new words: unpack, unload

Week 14 re-, pre-, dis-

refill retell
replay remake
rewrite repaint
preheat pretest
dislike

TRICKY: minute

re- means again, pre- means before, dis- means not. The word after it does not change.

Say it, write it: Can you retell the story in a minute?

Friday new words: reheat, rerun

Week 15 review (weeks 9-14)

bushes slowest
unlucky retold
replant greenest
untidy spoonful

TRICKY: says nothing

Say it, write it: She says the bushes look untidy.

Friday new words: helpless, freshest

Week 16 double before -ed and -ing

stopped grabbed
dropped tapped
running swimming
sitting digging
hopping

TRICKY: busy

One vowel and one last consonant: double it before -ed or -ing (stop, stopped). jump ends in two consonants, so just add the ending (jumped).

Say it, write it: The busy dog was digging in the sand.

Friday new words: spotted, petting

Week 17 double before -er and -est

bigger biggest
hotter sadder
thinnest flattest
runner swimmer

TRICKY: build built

Same rule as week 16: big, bigger. The ui in build says /i/; in fruit (week 4) it says /oo/.

Say it, write it: Dad will build a bigger pen for the hens.

Friday new words: wetter, reddest

Week 18 drop the e

making hiding
waving joking
saved liked
wider nicest

TRICKY: sure use

A word that ends in e drops it before an ending that starts with a vowel (make, making).

Say it, write it: I was sure he was joking.

Friday new words: biking, latest

Week 19 change y to i

cried dried
babies puppies
cherries flies
happier funniest
luckiest

TRICKY: eye [your eye]

y after a consonant turns into i before -es, -ed, -er and -est (cry, cried), but not before -ing (crying).

Say it, write it: The puppies cried until we fed them.

Friday new words: pennies, tiniest

Week 20 review (weeks 16-19)

chopped skipping
patted baker
bravest rider
ponies carried

TRICKY: busy sure

Ask: one short vowel and one last consonant? double. An e at the end? drop it. y after a consonant? change it to i.

Say it, write it: The busy baker chopped the apples.

Friday new words: jogging, nicer

Week 21 ar and or at the end

doctor tractor
sailor motor
actor mirror
dollar collar
harbor

TRICKY: water

At the end of a longer word /er/ is usually er, but some words use or (doctor) or ar (dollar): learn which.

Say it, write it: The doctor said to drink more water.

Friday new words (look-up week): favor, pillar

Week 22 air, are, ear

chair hair [brush your hair]
airplane share
square prepare
bear [a big bear] wear [wear a hat]

TRICKY: their [their house]

there [over there]

/air/ has three spellings: air (chair), are (share), ear (bear). Learn which one each word uses.

Say it, write it: Their bear is in my chair.

Friday new words (look-up week): repair, dare

Week 23 ear as in near

ear near
year clear
fear gear
beard hear [I hear you]
nearby

TRICKY: earth

ear can say /ear/ (near), /air/ (bear, week 22) or /er/ (learn, earth): say the word, then check.

Say it, write it: This year we will learn how the earth spins.

Friday new words (look-up week): spear, teardrop

Week 24 eigh, ei, ea, aigh

eight [the number 8] eighty
sleigh [a sleigh ride] weigh [weigh the apples]
neighbor reindeer
great [a great day] break [take a break]
straight

TRICKY: they

eight is not tricky any more: eigh is a pattern now (sleigh, weigh). The word they keeps its mark on our lists.

Say it, write it: Our neighbor has eight reindeer and a sleigh.

Friday new words (look-up week): neigh [a horse says neigh], steak [a juicy steak]



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Weeks 25-36

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Week 25 ew, ue, ou

few	new [a new toy]
nephew	rescue
argue	value
soup	group

TRICKY: young touch

ew and ue can say /oo/ (new) or /yoo/ (few, rescue). ou says /oo/ in a few words (soup) and /u/ in young and touch.

Say it, write it: A few young kids made soup for the group.

Friday new words (look-up week): stew, continue

Week 26 ough

bought	brought
thought	fought
though	dough [pizza dough]
doughnut	thoughtful

TRICKY: through enough

ough says /aw/ (bought) or /oh/ (dough). In through and enough it says something else: learn those by heart.

Say it, write it: Dad bought enough dough for ten rolls.

Friday new words (look-up week): ought, sought

Week 27 soft c and g

city	fence
center	circle
fancy	giant
gentle	ginger
gem	

TRICKY: guess

c says /s/ and g says /j/ before e, i or y (city, gem). In guess, the u keeps the g hard.

Say it, write it: Can you guess the number in the circle?

Friday new words (look-up week): decide, germ

Week 28 ch, gn, gh, silent t

chef	ache
school	echo
sign	ghost
listen	castle
whistle	

TRICKY: hour

Some letters are silent (sign, listen, castle). ch can say /sh/ (chef) or /k/ (school, ache).

Say it, write it: Listen to the school bell ring at eight.

Friday new words (look-up week): anchor, fasten

Week 29 review (weeks 21-28)

fairy [the tooth fairy]	upstairs
earmuffs	eighteen
newest	fancier
motorboat	chefs

TRICKY: their

through [go through]

Say it, write it: Their newest motorboat has eighteen seats.

Friday new words (look-up week): airport, polar

Week 30 -tion, -sion, -ture

action	station
vacation	motion
confusion	picture
nature	future
adventure	

TRICKY: month

/shun/ is usually -tion (action); -sion often says /zhun/ (confusion). -ture says /cher/ (picture).

Say it, write it: Next month we go on vacation.

Friday new words: creature, invention

Week 31 -er, -or, -ist

farmer	painter
singer	speaker
dentist	artist
cartoonist	inventor
conductor	

TRICKY: woman

-er, -or and -ist make a person word (a painter paints). -er is the most common.

Say it, write it: That woman is a painter and a singer.

Friday new words: drummer, player

Week 32 -ish and -y

selfish	foolish
bluish	sandy
bumpy	sleepy
frosty	crunchy
foggy	

TRICKY: another

-ish means a bit like (bluish); -y means full of (sandy). Drop the e or double the letter, as with -ing (blue, bluish; fog, foggy).

Say it, write it: It was foggy and frosty, so I put on another coat.

Friday new words: rocky, sunny

Week 33 -ness and -ment

sadness	kindness
goodness	happiness
brightness	enjoyment
basement	pavement
excitement	

TRICKY: friend

-ness and -ment go on the whole word with no change, except y to i (happy, happiness).

Say it, write it: My friend was full of excitement.

Friday new words: softness, freshness

Week 34 -able and -ible

breakable	drinkable
enjoyable	chewable
foldable	terrible
horrible	possible

TRICKY: because would

-able usually goes on a whole word you know (break + able); -ible usually does not (possible).

Say it, write it: Hold the cup with care because it is breakable.

Friday new words: printable, playable

Week 35 uni-, bi-, tri-

unicorn	uniform
unicycle	bicycle
tricycle	triangle
biplane	tripod

TRICKY: one

two [the number 2]

uni- means one, bi- means two, tri- means three (a tricycle has three wheels). In bicycle and tricycle, the y says /i/.

Say it, write it: The unicorn has one horn and two eyes.

Week 36 year-end review

unbreakable	carefully
neighborhood	homework
notebook	lighthouse
classroom	birthday

TRICKY: through enough

Say it, write it: Do your homework carefully in your notebook.

Friday new words: unbeatable, homemade



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Spelling test

Name _____

Week _____

Pattern _____

Monday pretest

check, then fix in another color

fixed

- 1 _____ ☐
- 2 _____ ☐
- 3 _____ ☐
- 4 _____ ☐
- 5 _____ ☐
- 6 _____ ☐
- 7 _____ ☐
- 8 _____ ☐
- 9 _____ ☐
- 10 _____ ☐

Sentence _____

Friday test

the 10 words again

fixed

- 1 _____ ☐
- 2 _____ ☐
- 3 _____ ☐
- 4 _____ ☐
- 5 _____ ☐
- 6 _____ ☐
- 7 _____ ☐
- 8 _____ ☐
- 9 _____ ☐
- 10 _____ ☐

2 NEW WORDS

- 11 _____ ☐
- 12 _____ ☐

Sentence _____

Carry to next week

list words missed on Friday

For the grown-up: the weekly routine

- 1 **Monday pretest.** Say each word, use it in a short phrase, and say it once more. Your child writes it, compares it with the list, and corrects any mistake in another color. A word spelled right on Monday is done for the week.
- 2 **Tuesday to Thursday, about 10 minutes.** Take each missed word apart: say it, split off the base word and the ending, spell the base by sound, add the ending, mark the tricky part, then check and fix. Finish with the week's sentence. Skip copying words over and over.
- 3 **Friday test.** The 10 list words, then the 2 Friday new words (never practiced), then the dictation sentence. Check and fix on the spot.
- 4 **Carry and tick.** A missed list word joins next week's list. Tick the week on page 1 once every list word is right on a Friday (or a missed one is right by the next Monday). Friday new words never carry over: a miss means the rule needs another week, or, in a look-up week, that you look the word up together. If one pattern misses two weeks in a row, slow down instead of adding words.

Print one for every week.



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